Hypocrisy. The great missing of critical theory
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Unlike the classic concepts that have attracted the attention of social critics from ancient Greece to the present day – from error (Plato) to cynicism (Sloterdijk), passing through lie (Augustine, Kant) and ideology (Marx) – the category of hypocrisy has been largely neglected by philosophy. One of the main reasons behind this philosophical carelessness is the reduction of hypocrisy to a particular case of lying or to a particularly underhand form of cynicism, which would prefer the more prudent and often effective indirect strategy of masking to the ostentatious self-affirmation of the subject. In either case, however, one ends up indulging in a very reductive conception of the phenomenon: unlike lying, hypocrisy can also be involuntary (one cannot, on the other hand, lie unintentionally); moreover, unlike the well-known forms of masked cynicism – exemplified by literary figures such as Molière's Truffle – hypocrisy can also consist of various disinterested or even altruistic forms of deception.

Here we find a vacuum of theoretical attention, that this issue of *Lessico di etica pubblica* intends to remedy by hosting the reflections of invited contributors of national and international relevance and selecting through this call for papers contributions that:

- will attempt to elaborate an accurate and argued distinction between the phenomenon of hypocrisy and the notions of lie and/or ideology;
- investigate the relationship between hypocrisy and one or more of the following social phenomena, usually counted among the social pathologies of modern society: from dissimulation to inauthenticity, passing through alienation and incoherence;
- will investigate the problematization of hypocrisy in the work of authors who have offered a huge contribution to the renewal of the meaning of the concept throughout the history of philosophy;
- will explore the normative implications of hypocrisy in politics, with particular attention to the context of constitutional democracies;
- will critically analyse the possible new forms of hypocrisy that develop or could develop themselves within the society of transparency and cyber-digital disintermediation.

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